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SUBJECT: Replies to Questions Addressed to Prof. Bergstrom by
FEA/CD of the Department of State

1. There are attached two copies of answers prepared by Prof. Bergstrom in reply to questions which were forwarded by your office to this office for presentation to him. The answers still are in the very raw form in which they were received.

2. Two requests from your office for further information from the Professor concerning certain education and training in the Soviet Union were consolidated and given to him at the same time. Thus the answers are numbered according to the following order of questions.

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- Particular information on branches of the Communist University of the Working People of the East.
 - Names of students, where they go, and the type of Communist activities they conduct after the completion of the course of studies.
 - Connection between the USSR and the Japanese Communist Party.
 - Information on Sun Yat-sen University.
 - How the COMPE can graduate students in two or four years, as stated in the original paper on the subject?
 - Are there technical or professional schools in the USSR attended by Communists drawn from other countries which would lessen the dependence of the Communists in backward countries upon the Western-educated professional groups?

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1.

I. The name Soviet "University of the Working People Of The East" is misleading. Although its official name is Stalin University, in reality it is not a university, either in the Western or the Soviet sense. It is a Communist Party school. There are no particular branches or faculties. People do not study natural sciences, medicine or law in that school. They study only the following subjects:

1. Russian language;
2. History of Russia;
3. History of the communist party;
4. Program of the communist party;
5. Program of the Comintern-Cominform;
6. Political Economy;
7. Dialectics;
8. Marxist philosophy;
9. History of their native country;
10. Tasks in colonial and semi-colonial countries and methods of work;
11. Organizational work in backward countries;
12. History of imperialism.

Because of the restricted subject matter, students are able to complete their course of study in two or four years.

II. All students are natives of oriental foreign countries. After graduation they always go to their native countries. There they work as organizers of Communist cells, as secretaries to the latter or to party committees, as political leaders in the Red army, as lecturers in workers' study groups, as agents in subversive activities (organization of strikes, revolts, guerrillas).

Aleksander Ivanovich Cahirov, a Buriat went in the early Thirties to Inner Mongolia and there created cells of the Mongolian Peoples party.

Erkin Batp, a Dahoar from Hailar in Manchuria, went to his country with the same aim. Later he was accused of pro-Japanese activities and was shot. Two Koreans, Kim and Pak, went to Korea in 1936 to organize Communist cells. Ibrahim Zadeh, an Iranian Azerbaijan Turk, went to Iran to organize Communists. Ashurov, an Uigur from Sinkiang, went to Sinkiang in 1935 to organize Communist cells.

Others were Indians, Japanese, Afghanians, Arabs, etc. Their names are unknown. No biographies are known. It may even be that the names above are cover names.

III. No information about Japanese.

IV. No information about the Chinese Sun Yat-sen University.

V. The answer to this question has been given in paragraph I.

As these people got party education only they were able to graduate in two resp. four years. They did not study Marx's or Lenin's works in original texts but in abridgements which are understandable even to primitive people.

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VI. There are no special universities for Asians anxious to get vocational training. Either they attend Russian universities (medicine, natural sciences, law philology, mathematics, chemistry,) or technical schools, or they attend universities in a Soviet republic speaking a closely related language:

Turks attend the Azerbaijanian university of Baku or any technical school there; Uzbeks or Uigurs from Sinkiang attend schools in Tashkent; Kazakhs from Sinkiang attend the Alma Ata University; Mongols attend schools in Ulan Bator in the Soviet Mongolian republic; Chinese attend Russian for they have no vocational universities except the Sun Yat-sen University. (In Khabarovsk there was a school for Chinese, perhaps another party school.) Since these Asians were freely admitted to any schools, except schools for Soviet communists only, and since they studied three years in technical schools, four years in university work, and five years in medicine, they receive an education as good as Russians receive.

There were about 6000 oriental students of all nationalities at any one time.

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